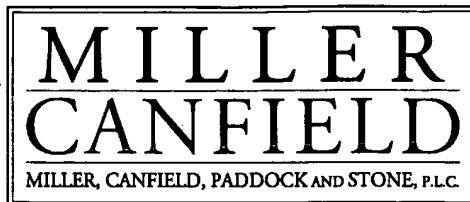
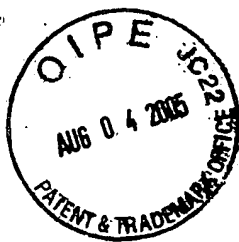


Founded in 1852
by Sidney Davy Miller



IFW

MICHIGAN: Ann Arbor
Detroit • Grand Rapids
Howell • Kalamazoo
Lansing • Monroe • Troy

New York, NY
Pensacola, FL
Washington, DC

CANADA: Windsor, ON
POLAND: Gdynia
Katowice • Warsaw

ROBERT KELLEY ROTH
TEL: (313) 496-7568
FAX: (313) 496-8452
E-MAIL: roth@millercanfield.com

150 West Jefferson, Suite 2500
Detroit, Michigan 48226
TEL: (313) 963-6420
FAX: (313) 496-7500
www.millercanfield.com

August 1, 2005

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: Serial No.: 10/666,070
Inventors: Ross Vincent
Our Reference No.: 118345.14
Title: Improved Vehicle Running Board Assembly

Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing please find:

- 1) Response to Office Action mailed on May 3, 2005; and
- 2) Certificate of Filing by Mailing.

We are also enclosing a post card receipt which we ask that you return to us acknowledging the date of receipt.

Very truly yours,

MILLER, CANFIELD, PADDOCK AND STONE, P.L.C.

By: _____

Robert K. Roth
Reg. No. 36,660

MILLER, CANFIELD, PADDOCK AND STONE, P.L.C.

-2-

August 1, 2005

CERTIFICATE OF FILING BY MAILING

This is to certify that the following documents were mailed by U.S. Postal Service First Class Mail to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on August 1, 2005.

- 1) Response to Office Action; and
- 2) Certificate of Filing by Mailing.

MILLER, CANFIELD, PADDOCK AND STONE, P.L.C.

By: _____
Cheryl Trionfi

DELIB:2631675.1\074575-00019



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(118345.14)

Applicant:	Ross Vincent	Paper Number:	4
U.S.S.N.:	10/666,070	Art Unit:	3618
Filing Date:	9/18/03	Examiner:	Vanaman, F.
Title:	IMPROVED VEHICLE RUNNING BOARD ASSEMBLY		

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

The following is a Response to the First Office Action mailed on May 3, 2005 in the above captioned patent application.

In the Drawings

Attached are proposed amendments to Figs. 2 and 4, more precisely locating the lead lines for the step pad 11 and step 16 of the step pad. No new matter has been added. Applicant respectfully request entry of these Figs into the patent application.